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IN RE APPLICATION OF : James R. Woodward, et al.  
FOR : **ELIMINATION OF WELD IN CERAMIC  
METAL HALIDE ELECTRODE-LEADWIRE**  
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**RESPONSE**

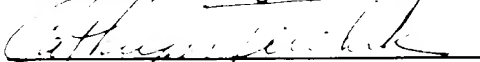
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Dear Sir:

The Office Action which issued on December 6, 2001 has been fully considered by Applicants. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of all rejections of the pending claims, and passage of the case to issue in view of the remarks set forth below.

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